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August 2, 2017

#### **CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Jesus Antonio Caquias, M.D.

Re: License No. 142090

Dear Dr. Caquias:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 17-223. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 9, 2017.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204, telephone # 518-402-0846.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Catalano, M.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

**Enclosure** 

cc: Tomas Caquias, Esq.

BPMC# 17-223

IN THE MATTER

OF

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D.

MODIFICATION ORDER

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D. (Respondent), which is made a part of this Modification Order, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the attached Application, and its terms, are adopted and SO ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Modification Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Modification Order, either by first class to Respondent at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,
   whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

8/2/2017 DATE:

ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D. Chair State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

# IN THE MATTER OF JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D.

MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND ORDER

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about May 16, 1980, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 142090 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I am currently subject to BPMC Order # 07-252 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which went into effect on November 26, 2007, and was issued upon a Consent Agreement and Order signed by me (henceforth Original Application"), adopted by the Original Order. I hereby apply to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an Order (henceforth "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows:

The sanction imposed in the Original Order was a Censure and Reprimand, a \$2,000 fine, and two years of probation, in accordance with Exhibit "B", an attachment of the Original Order. The Order further set forth, in pertinent part, that, upon my return to practice in New York or practice based upon my New

York license, prior to my license being fully restored by the State of Texas, I shall provide 90 days notice to the Director, OPMC, who in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems reasonable.

The sanction imposed shall be modified to substitute the following sanction for so much of the one imposed in the Original Order, and referenced above, that remains to be served:

Pursuant to New York Public Health Law § 230-a(6), Respondent shall be subject to a limitation precluding registration or issuance of any further license.

and

The following Conditions shall be imposed upon Respondent:

- That Respondent, who does not currently practice in the State of New York, shall be precluded from practicing medicine in New York State, from practicing in any setting where his practice is based solely on his New York license, and from further reliance upon Respondent's New York license to practice medicine to exempt Respondent from the licensure, certification or other requirements set forth in statute or regulation for the practice of any other profession licensed, regulated or certified by the Board of Regents, Department of Education, Department of Health or the Department of State; and
- That Respondent shall, within 30 days of the issuance of the Modification Order,
   notify the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional

Licensing Services, that Respondent's license status is "inactive," and shall provide proof of such notification to the Director of OPMC immediately upon having done so, and shall not reactivate or reregister the license at any time.

This Modification Order shall strike the Condition in the Original Order requiring Respondent to maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, to pay all registration fees; and

That Respondent shall comply with all conditions set forth in attached
 "Attachment II" ("Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice.")

and

All remaining Terms and Conditions will continue as written in the Original Order.

I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Original Order or the Modification Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE 6-14-17

JESUS ANTONIO GAQUIAS, M.D. RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to F proposed penalty, terms and cond	Respondent's attached Modification Agreement and to its itions.
DATE:	, ESQ.
DATE: July 21, 2017	Attorney for Respondent
<b>b</b>	MARCIA¹E. KAPLAN Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct
DATE: 7/28/17	KPITH W. SERVIS Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

**ATTACHMENT I** 



### New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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November 19, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jesus Antonio Caquias, M.D.

RE: License No. 142090

Dear Dr. Caquias:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 07-252 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 26, 2007.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order to:

Board for Professional Medical Conduct New York State Department of Health Hedley Park Place, Suite 303 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Corning Tower, Room 1258 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely.

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: Robert S. Robertson, Esq. Robertson & Associates

NEW YORK STATE	DEP	ARTMENT	OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR			

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

**OF** 

ORDER

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D.

BPMC No. #07-252

Upon the application of (Respondent), JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D. in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either

by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certifled mail to Respondent's attorney, or

upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11-16-07

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D. CO-06-09-4909-A

AND ORDER

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about May 16, 1980, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 142090 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with four (4) Specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I do not contest the four (4) Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Censure and Reprimand;

\$2,000.00 fine;

The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Coming Tower, Room 1258, Albany, NY 12237-0016; and

Two (2) years probation in accordance with Exhibit B, attached, hereto.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York State medical license prior to my license being fully restored by the State of Texas, I shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems reasonable.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's Issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to New York Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of OPMC and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 24 October 2007

JESUS ANTONIO SAQUIAS, M.U. Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

ROBERT ROBERTSON Attorney for Respondent

ROBERT BOGAN
Assectate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

KEITH W. SERVIS Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D. CO-06-09-4909-A

**AMENDED** 

**STATEMENT** 

OF

**CHARGES** 

JESUS ANTONIO CAQUIAS, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on May 16, 1980, by the issuance of license number 142090 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about June 22, 2006, the Texas Medical Board (hereinafter "Texas Board"), by an Agreed Order (hereinafter "Texas Order 1"), required that Respondent be monitored by a physician for two (2) years, that he successfully complete a PACE Program in medical records, and that he resign from his role as "gatekeeper" with the county indigent program, based on falling to maintain adequate medical records.
- B. On or about April 13, 2007, the Texas Board, by an Agreed Order (hereinafter "Texas Order 2"), required Respondent to cease advertising in a manner that would cause confusion to the public or using overly broad claims that would tend to mislead the public as to causes for diseases, required him to cease advertising using references to organizations not recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, and Imposed a \$5,000.00 administrative penalty, based on using advertisements that contain material or representations likely to mislead or confuse the public.
- C. The conduct resulting in the Texas Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state Law:
- 1. New York Education Law §6530(27) (advertising or soliciting for patronage that is not in the public interest); and/or
- 2. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a records for each patient that accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

# SPECIFICATIONS FIRST AND SECOND SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

- 1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or C.
- The facts in Paragraphs B and/or C.

#### THIRD AND FOURTH SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

- 3. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or C.
- 4. The facts in Paragraphs B and/or C.

DATED: August 17, 2007 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

#### EXHIBIT "B"

#### Terms of Probation

- 1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by New York Education Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may Subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York Public Health Law § 230(19).
- Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
- 3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required Information.
- 4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
- Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxatlon and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
- 6. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts, and/or electronic records; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect
  the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State
  rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
- Respondent shall comply fully with the June 22, 2006, Agreed Order of the Texas Medical Board and any extension or modification thereof.
- Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the Texas Board to provide the
  Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to
  enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the Texas Order.

- 10. Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the Texas Order during the declaration period specified.
- 11. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.

#### **ATTACHMENT II**

## Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

- Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license, in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
- Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
- Licensee shall, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 30 days of the Order's effective date. Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at

cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

- In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. Licensee shall destroy all prescription pads bearing Licensee's name. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
- 7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
- 8. Licensee shall not, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
- 9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine in New York, or predicated upon Licensee's New York license, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.

10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found guilty, and may include revocation of a suspended license.